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BROOKS ANNOUNCES COUNTY'S FIRST-EVER HOME COMPUTER RECYCLING EVENT

Continuing her successful efforts to promote a cleaner, greener environment, Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the County will hold its first-ever home computer recycling event in partnership with Metro Wastepaper, Inc. and its subcontractor Sunnking, Inc.

"This free recycling event provides a great opportunity for residents to celebrate Earth Day one day early and recycle their old computers and other electronics," Brooks said. "In addition to keeping these potentially hazardous materials out of landfills, it also offers an added layer of protection from identity theft because computers placed at the curb give identity thieves the chance to strike."

This appointment only collection will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Monroe County Transfer Station. Appointment times must be made by calling 753-7600 (Option #3). After making an appointment, residents will be sent a confirmation with instructions on how to pack the material and directions to the facility.

Recycling computers protects our environment because electronics often contain hazardous and toxic materials that pose environmental risks if disposed of in a landfill. For example, many computer monitors contain high amounts of lead and printed circuit boards contain many different types of metals.

This event is the seventh in a series of initiatives designed to conserve energy, protect the environment, and save money for the taxpayers of Monroe County. Additional collection events for Monroe County residents are being planned for later in the year.

If residents are unable to attend this collection, a list of computer recycling companies can be found at www.monroecounty.gov under Environmental Services/Electronics Recycling.

Only the following residential materials will be accepted free-of-charge: computers/laptops, printers, mice, keyboards, monitors (limit of two CRT monitors per appointment), copiers, typewriters, fax machines, cellular phones and pagers. Items from businesses will not be accepted.

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